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Mr. Daniel J. Maguire Sandy River Company 217 Commercial Street, PO Box 110 Portland, ME 04112

RE: Genesis Healthcare of Maine LLC (Farmington Operations LLC) Conversion of 28 RCF beds to 20 SNF/NF beds at Sandy River Center.

Dear Mr. Maguire:

This letter will serve as notification that, on this date, I have decided to **approve with condition** a Certificate of Need (CON) that authorizes Sandy River Center to convert 28 residential care beds to 20 dually licensed nursing home beds as well as other changes outlined in your CON application.

My approval is conditioned on the following:

Condition: No relocation of current RCF residents or admission of new SNF/NF residents will occur until a relocation plan has been approved by management of DHHS Division of Licensing and Certification.

In order for this CON to remain valid, the project must be "commenced" within two years from the date of the original approval, noted above. You must complete implementation reports on your activities as specified for this type of Project (CON for Nursing Facility Level of Care Projects, Chapter 5, Sec. 71.03). Limited extensions may be available, if requested in a timely manner and for good cause. Failure to commence the project within this 24- month period will result in expiration of the CON, unless extended.

I am granting this CON because I have determined that the project meets the criteria set forth in the CON Act Sec. 335 (1) and the Departments regulations. The specific details of the project for which I have granted this CON are contained in the record.

Please be aware that in accordance with Section 346 of the Maine Certificate of Need Act this Certificate, as modified herein, is valid only for the stated scope, premises and facility named in the above referenced application and is not transferable or assignable.

Furthermore, it should be clearly understood that our analysis and findings regarding the need for the proposed project, as well as its financial and economic feasibility, are predicated on the application record as described in Chapter 5, Section 71.05. Consequently, the proposal must be implemented consistent with the approval stated in this letter, as informed and clarified by the Department's analysis and findings as summarized in the following Department staff reports:

FINAL REVIEW: Briefing memo to Jeanne M. Lambrew, Commissioner, DHHS, dated March 1, 2021.

No significant changes to the project, no variations from the projected operating costs, no modifications of the terms of financing the project, and no increase in the capital expenditures to be made are permitted without the prior written approval of the Department. Any such variances may result in either the disallowance of related expenses, financial penalties or the immediate revocation of the Certificate of Need.

Please work closely with my staff in Health Care Oversight to assure this project is implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate and applicable rules and regulations.

The Certificate of Need statute requires that a holder of a CON make a written report at the end of each six-month period following its issuance. Details regarding this and related requirements will be made the subject of a separate letter from the Division of Licensing.

My staff will work with you as necessary.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Lambrew Commissioner, DHHS

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